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179 new cases and no deaths related to COVID-19 reported

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – On Sunday, the Navajo Department of Health, in coordination with the Navajo Epidemiology Center and the Navajo Area Indian Health Service, reported 179 new COVID-19 cases and no deaths. The total number of deaths remains 1,600. There are also 65 delayed reported cases. A full report will be available on Tuesday.

On Sunday, the state of Arizona reported 21,637 new cases. The states of Utah and New Mexico will report case numbers following the holiday weekend. The Navajo Nation Office of the President and Vice President held a special online town hall on Friday to provide important updates regarding the rise in COVID-19 cases on the Navajo Nation. The town hall is available to view online at: <https://youtu.be/tWwM6Pa1CQw>.

“Our health facilities on the Navajo Nation have increased COVID-19 testing and vaccinations for our people due to the spread of the Omicron variant. They are also working to get more home testing kits to our people as quickly as possible. The health experts expect the surge in infections to continue through January before we see a decline in cases. We must remain diligent, keep our guard up at all times especially in public, and do more to encourage our loved ones to get fully vaccinated and a booster shot. We are in this together, so please take precautions such as wearing two masks in public, to help reduce the spread of COVID-19 and lessen the burden on our health care workers,” said Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez.

Health care facilities on the Navajo Nation continue to administer COVID-19 vaccines. If you would like to receive one of the COVID-19 vaccines, please contact your health care provider and schedule an appointment.

“Our faith and prayers continue to carry us through this pandemic, but we must also take action to adhere to the guidance of our health experts. If you go into public places, please take precautions and do your best to social distance from others. Be safe, keep praying, and do everything you can to protect yourself and others,” said Vice President Myron Lizer.

For more information, including helpful prevention tips, and resources to help stop the spread of COVID-19, visit the Navajo Department of Health's COVID-19 website: <http://www.ndoh.navajo-nsn.gov/COVID-19>. For COVID-19 related questions and information, call (928) 871-7014.

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